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Mr. William McAfee  
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Dear Bill:

I have reviewed your request of 13 June regarding  
the establishment of an interagency working group to use

[REDACTED]  
data. I support CIA participation in this undertaking, and  
I would be glad to provide the chairmanship of the working  
group.

Before embarking on this project, we should agree  
upon a few conditions:

First, this project should be viewed as an experimental  
effort to determine the feasibility of and to develop method-  
ologies for a new application [REDACTED] Accordingly, the  
working group should organize its activities so that the feasi-  
bility of the project can be validated at frequent intervals with  
the understanding that it may be terminated if it is judged to  
be an ineffective use of resources.

Second, the requesters of the project should be informed  
that no determination has been made concerning the releasability  
of the results of the project [REDACTED] You

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should initiate efforts to make this determination soon with the objective of having a positive determination well before the experiment is completed.

Third, CIA participation in the project is on a time-available basis and must not interfere with higher priority CIA programs [redacted]

Fourth, [redacted] requirements for the project cannot take precedence over higher priority national intelligence tasking [redacted]

John Kerry King, Director, OGCR, has already had discussions with John Thro on how the interagency working group might be set up. I know that Mr. King proposes to designate [redacted] on the OGCR Environmental Analysis Staff as the team leader and to provide space in [redacted]

[redacted] Mr. King advises me that in addition to CIA resources, he would anticipate a requirement for two knowledgeable AID officers with recent on-the-ground experience [redacted] as well as an outside technical expert [redacted]

Finally, I would note that Mr. King advises me that the deadline of 1 January suggested in your letter is impractical. This does seem to me to be an extremely optimistic deadline, but I am sure that we can negotiate a later date that will assure a more useful response.

Sincerely,

/s/ Ed

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